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they deliberately don't under-
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that stupid.*

Dear General Tighe,

This is an interim reply to your letter to General Aaron, dated 8 October, U-591/CC-A, in which you discussed the matter of obtaining an Army senior intelligence representative for the Strategic Warning Staff. General Aaron is out of the country and will not return until the latter part of this month, and I am taking the liberty of providing you a response in accordance with his previous guidance.

Current constraints on Army Staff manpower preclude the assignment by detail of military or civilian analysts from the OACSI staff to the Strategic Warning Staff. The current OACSI staff manpower level is less than 50 percent of what it was in 1969. Unfortunately, there has been no parallel reduction in the OACSI missions or taskings. In fact, in the Sino-Soviet area, our taskings have not only become more numerous, they have also become more complex.

On 1 January 1972, five Army spaces (one officer, three enlisted men, and one GS-14 civilian) supporting the National Indications Center were transferred from OACSI/DA to DIA. The action was directed by Program Budget Decision 156 of 30 November 1971. This significant manpower commitment already made by the Army to the National Indications Center should be applied to the manning of the Strategic Warning Staff.

On the basis of previous job descriptions for manning the Strategic Warning Staff, I recommend that appropriate authority validate the SWS positions and requisitions be forwarded for necessary fill action.

Sincerely,

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